

### Remarks

Claims 10-18 were previously pending in the application. In the present response, Claims 11, 14, and 15 have been canceled, and Claims 19-24 have been added. Accordingly, after entry of the response Claims 10, 12-14, and 16-24 will be pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

### Double Patenting

Claims 10-18 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,208.

The conflicting '208 patent and the present application are commonly owned and Applicants have included herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground.

### Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 10-18 were rejected for various reasons under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10-18 were rejected for various reasons under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 11, 14, and 15 have been canceled and the remaining claims have been amended accordingly to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

In regard to Claim 10, the Examiner indicated that the specification requires, "The multiple output DC/DC voltage converter comprises a transformer having a primary coil applied with the input DC voltage and **at least two** more secondary coils" (page 5, line 10).

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification provides examples of various embodiments of the present invention. The specification includes, "There is shown and described only the preferred embodiments of the invention, but, as the aforementioned, it is capable of use in various other combinations and environments and is capable of changes or modification within the scope of the inventive concepts as expressed herein" (page 12, lines 21-24).

The inventor is not required to set forth in the specification every manner of practicing his invention. He is required only to show the best mode known to him of utilizing the invention. Patent drafters sometimes refer to the description of a particular described use of the invention as a "preferred embodiment". As a general rule, the claims are not limited to the preferred embodiment, unless by their own language.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Clark et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,323,957), herein referred to as "Clark".

Of the remaining above-referenced claims, Claim 10 is independent. Accordingly, once allowability of this claim is established, all claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite “a first rectifier circuit connected to the primary coil to generate a first DC output voltage and disconnected from the first secondary coil.”

In this regard, the Examiner indicated that Clark discloses a first rectifier 70 connected to the primary coil and a second rectifier 44 connected to the secondary coil. However, in contrast to Applicant’s claimed subject matter, Clark disclose the output of the voltage suppression circuit 70 (first rectifier circuit) is connected to the secondary coil at point 36 as shown in Figure 1.

In addition, the first rectifier circuit identified by the Examiner is disclosed by Clark to be a voltage suppression circuit 70 to prevent a voltage spike 94 from damaging the switching transistor 24. Such a voltage suppression circuit is fundamentally different in structure (relatively much more complicated) and function (voltage suppression) than the rectifier circuit disclosed by Applicant. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Clark does not disclose first and second rectifier circuits as recited in Applicant’s Claim 10.

For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits independent Claim 10 and all claims, including new Claims 19-24, depending therefrom are patentable. New Claims 19-24 are supported in the disclosure in at least Figure 6 and the specification at pages 8-10.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark in view of Liu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,808,879), herein referred to as “Liu”.

For at least the reasons set forth above in regard to Claim 10, Applicant respectfully submits Claims 13, and 16 and 18 depending respectively therefrom are patentable.

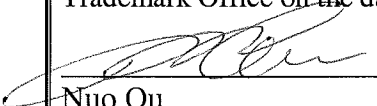
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

#### Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Authorization is given to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments in regard to this communication to deposit account 50-2257. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (949) 752-7040 is welcomed and encouraged.

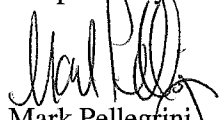
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